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OF THE

TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

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MINUTES.

At 10 o'clock the Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by the President. The roll was called, when it appeared that there was not a quorum present. Br. James Combs, of Bullitt Co., Ky., appeared as the delegate of br. Glenn; and he was the only one present during the sittings of this session of the Synod. Our members are principally an agricultural people, and could not leave their homes at this busy season. Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by br. J. Scherer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer by the present Secretary. Several brethren having arrived, a quorum was present.

The following is a list of the members composing the Synod:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1.	Rev. D. SCHERER,	Mount Carmel, Illinois.
2.	" J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,	Knightstown, Henry county, Ia.
3.	" A. A. TRIMPER,	Hillsboro', Ill.
4.	" J. KRACK,	Jeffersontown, Ky.
5.	" WM. JENKINS,	Romesville P. O., Bedford county, Tenn.
6.	" P. GLENN,	Corydon, Harrison county, Ia.
7.	" F. SPRINGER,*	Springfield, Ill.
8.	" N. B. LITTLE,*	Piqua county, Ohio.
9.	" W. NUELSEN,*	Elkhart county, Ia.
10.	" J. SCHERER,†	Olney, Richland county, Ill.
11.	" E. B. OLMSTEAD,	Jonesboro', Ill.
12.	" F. WYNECKEN,*	Baltimore, Md.
13.	" A. KNAPE,*	Fort Wayne, Ia.
14.	" WM. HUNDERDOSSE,†	Huntingdon, Dubois county, Ia.
15.	" J. SCIVALLY,†	Lincoln county, Tenn.
16.	" F. W. WIER,*	Alton, Franklin county, Ia.
17.	" D. JENKINS,*	Huntingdon, Carrol county, Tenn.
18.	" J. P. DAGGY,*	Belleville, Hendricks county, Ia.
19.	" J. F. ISENSEE,†	Indianapolis, Ia.

* Absent.

† Ordained this session.

20.	Rev. J. D. MEISSNER,†	Brownstown, Jackson county, Ia.
21.	" J. G. KUNZE,	Indianapolis, Ia.
22.	" J. W. SEDDELMEYER,†	Lanesville, Harrison county, Ia.
23.	" J. CRIGLER,*	Boone county, Ky.

LICENTIATES.

24.	Rev. D. B. M'CORD,*	Carrol county, Tenn.
25.	" J. BRITTING,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
26.	" E. MILLER,*	Shelbyville, Ill.
27.	" A. BRANDT,	Huntersville, Franklin county, Ia.

The President then read the following report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:

Through the goodness of God we are permitted to assemble in Synodical meeting. Our hearts must fill with grateful praise, when we call to mind the fact, that though the past year has been one of unexampled sickness, yet our number has not been diminished by death. On the contrary it has been increased by accessions from the East and South. This should excite us to renewed efforts, for the prosperity of our beloved Zion in this great valley.

Soon after the adjournment of Synod, I received a number of letters from brethren who were absent. I sent them to the Secretary, to be answered and disposed of according to resolution of the Synod.

In October I received a letter from br. Wier, asking Synod to license (ad interim) a young br. named Brandt, who was then teaching school at Huntersville, Indiana. I considered it proper to license this brother under the care of br. Wier, and requested him to attend the next meeting of Synod. Br. W. sent $3 00 for the Synod, and $2 00 for the Missionary Society, of which he is Treasurer. He reports but one dollar received into the Missionary Treasury, which he sent to Rev. A. Reck.

On the 13th of October I received a letter from Rev. A. Knape, informing Synod that he had resigned his charge, and could not attend Synod. He asks Synod to excuse him.

October 20th. Received a letter from Rev. J. W. Nuelsen, stating that in consequence of the peculiar engagements made with his congregations, he could not attend Synod.

In the latter part of October I received a letter from br. Daniel Jenkins, apologizing for his non-attendance at Synod, and enclosing $5 00 for the Treasury. Soon after I received a letter from br. E. Miller, Shelbyville, Illinois, intended for Synod, in which he states that owing to his engagements as teacher, and the prevailing sickness, he could not attend Synod. He requests the renewal of his license, and hopes the excuse will be sufficient.

A letter was received from Rev. A. Reck, requesting the renewal of br. Britting's license. He also says he much needs the $100 yet due him by the Synod's Missionary Society.

In March I received a letter from br. Meissner, stating that a young br. named Weber, recently from Germany, might be useful in the ministry. He asked for him an ad-interim license, which I did not grant, as it was so near the session of Synod.

* Absent. † Ordained this session.

Br. W. also speaks of the great troubles he has had in his congregations, in which he appears to have been treated in a very unchristian manner, by a portion of his charge. He requests that a committee be appointed to investigate the case.

According to instructions, I forwarded to br. Isensee, of Indianapolis, his renewed license. In answer to my letter he informs me that his congregation is a united Lutheran and German Reformed Society.—It remains for the Synod to say whether one of its members may thus serve a united congregation. I know of no reason to the contrary.

May 9th, I received a letter from br. Springer, of Springfield, Illinois, informing me that owing to the duties devolving on him as teacher of an Academy, he could not attend the present session of Synod. He thinks the interest of our Lutheran Zion in the West calls for the formation of a new Synod in the State of Illinois; and that the Synod of the West ought to unite in the establishment of the Wittenburg Seminary. He intends spending the month of July in visiting the scattered members of our church in the Northern part of Illinois. He has sent in his report as Treasurer of the Synod, and assures us he will be present with us in spirit.

About the middle of May I received a communication from Mr. Wm. Goose, Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Council of Jeffersontown, Kentucky, informing me of their intention to lay the difficulties existing between the congregation and Rev. Geo. Yeager, before Synod; according to the Formula of the church, Chap. iii. Sec. 3.

Apart from that kind of business which is common to all our Synodical meetings, there are a few other subjects which have been postponed for several years. They are subjects of vast importance to the interests of our church in the West, and claim the serious and prayerful attention of all the members of the Synod. It is hoped they will be disposed of during the present session, in a wise, fair, and peaceable manner.

The formation of a new Synod in the State of Illinois, is a subject which most of the brethren composing this Synod, expected would be accomplished at our last Convention held at Mt. Carmel; inasmuch, however, as but few of the brethren were in attendance, and for other important reasons, the subject was laid over to the present session of Synod. The urgent necessity of this measure, it is hoped, will secure its immediate accomplishment.

A still more important subject, is the establishment of the long contemplated Lutheran Seminary of the West, or a judicious disposition of the money and property in the hands of Rev. J. J. Lehmanowsky, Treasurer. I hope this subject will be disposed of in a manner best calculated to accomplish the object which this honorable body had in view, when they first engaged in the laudable enterprize.

Some suitable steps should be taken to support one or more Missionaries within the bounds of this Synod, who might visit the scattered members of our Zion, and prepare the way for permanent occupation.

In conclusion, dear brethren, permit me to say to you, that there are important subjects before you, which you are to dispose of during this session. We are short-sighted men, and need much wisdom from above. Let us endeavor to perform the duties before us in the spirit of meekness and humility, and forget not that God has called us the salt of the earth—the light of the world. And when we part to meet no more as one Synod, may it be in the spirit of perfect love.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SCHERER.

It was then

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

An election for officers was then held, which resulted as follows:

Rev. D. Scherer, *President*,
" E. B. Olmstead, *Secretary*,*
" P. Glenn, *Treasurer*.

The Secretary then read the proceedings of the last session of Synod.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee No. 1.—On the journals of sister Synods: Rev. Jacob Scherer, and Rev. William Hunderdosse.

Committee No. 2.—On the President's report: Rev. J. J. Lehmanowsky and Rev. A. A. Trimper.

Committee No. 3, were directed to examine the minutes of the last sessirn, and report any unfinished business. The brethren, W. Jenkins, P. Glenn, and J. G. Kunze, were appointed on this committee.

Committee No. 4.—The brethren, Isensee and Hunderdosse, were intrusted with various papers.

Committee No. 5, was composed of the following brethren: Rev. Olmstead, Rev. J. Scherer, and br. J. Combs.

Resolved, That we meet at 7 o'clock every morning for prayer.

It was then,

Resolved, That we now adjourn until to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer, by br. J. J. Lehmanowsky.

Friday Morning.

Opened with prayer by br. Scivally.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted.

Committee No. 2, now reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the President's report, and a number of letters, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report:

Most of the letters are already explained, and a synopsis of the same given in the President's report, and therefore your committee find it unnecessary to repeat the same again; except that the letter received from br. A. Reck, should be referred to the Missionary Society of this Synod, and the letter of br. Meissner, to the Minis-

*The former Secretary, Rev. A. A. Trimper, declined re-election. In consequence of indisposition, he took but little part in the business of Synod.

terium. In regard to the division of Synod, recommended by the President, your committee beg leave to make the following suggestions: We advise the division of the Synod of the West, at its present session, into three English Synods, viz.:

1. The brethren residing within the limits of the State of Indiana, to compose a Synod, retaining the name, seal, &c. of *the Synod of the West.*

2. The brethren residing in Illinois and Missouri, to organize under the title of *the Synod of Illinois.*

3. The members living in Kentucky and Tennessee, to organize as *the Synod of the South West.*

Each member, however, shall be permitted to join the Synod most convenient for him to attend.

On the subject of the Theological Seminary, &c., alluded to in the President's report, your committee have carefully and deliberately examined the question in all its bearings, and report as follows:

Whereas, this Synod has for many years had it in contemplation to establish such institution, and have already some means in the hands of our Treasurer, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we now establish such institution, as the *Literary and Theological Institute of the West*, on the manual labor principle.

2. *Resolved*, That said Institution be established in the State of Illinois, and that it shall be the duty of the Directors to select the place offering the greatest inducements.

3. *Resolved*, That the Directors of the Institution shall endeavor to procure from the Legislature of Illinois, a suitable charter, under the title as above.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by this Synod, to procure the services of a suitable Professor, to take charge of the Institute.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to this Synod, a constitution, for the government of the Institute.

6. *Resolved*, That, for the present, the President or Professor of the Institute, shall be entitled to all the tuition fees of the Literary department, and the annual interest of the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer; but shall teach gratis, students in the Theological department.

7. *Resolved*, That an agent be appointed by this Synod, to procure by subscription or donation, *a fund*, the interest of which will pay the salary of the President or Professor.

8. *Resolved*, That the board of Directors, at this session, agree to the time and place of their next meeting.

9. *Resolved*, As soon as a President or Professor is elected, and all necessary arrangements made, said Institution shall immediately go into operation.

10. In reference to the President's recommendation, that one or more Missionaries be supported within the bounds of our Synod, your committee would recommend that the same be referred to the Missionary Society, which will meet at the close of this Synodical meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,
A. A. TRIMPER.

The above report was accepted, and considered in detail.

The letters of br. Reck, and br. Meissner, were referred as recommended. That part of the report relating to br. Meissner, was referred to the Ministerium.

That part of the report relative to the division of Synod, was now read. Hoping that more of our brethren might yet arrive, the Resolution (No. 1,) was laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

The second Resolution (establishing the Seminary,) was adopted.

Synod then adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Prayer by br. Wm. Jenkins.

At 11 o'clock, br. J. Scherer preached from Gal. vi. 14, "But God forbid that I should glory," &c.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod opened as usual.

The subject of the establishment of the Seminary came up in order.

Section 2d, (locating the Institution in Illinois,) was then finally read and passed unanimously.

Section 3d, instructing the Directors to procure a Charter, was then adopted.

Section 4th, to procure the services of a Professor, also passed. A committee of three was appointed, viz: Revs. D. Scherer, A. A. Trimper, and P. Glenn.

Section 5th was then read, when it was

Resolved, That the subject lie over till to-morrow morning.

A copy of printed Minutes of Synods, neatly bound, was laid on the table, as a present from the Book Establishment at Baltimore. The Secretary was directed to return thanks.

A letter was read from br. Wynecken, directed to br. Meissner, in which he stated that in consequence of the peculiar nature of his engagements in Baltimore, it is impossible for him to attend the present session of Synod. He expresses great regard for the brethren, and requests to be excused from attending. It was

Resolved, That he be excused.

Committee No. 3, reported.

Your committee have examined the Minutes of the last Synod, and can find no unfinished business.

W. JENKINS,
P. GLENN,
J. G. KUNZE.

It was then

Resolved to adjourn until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by br. Krack.

MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium met at 4 o'clock.

Communications were handed in by the Licentiates, with journals, manuscripts, sermons, &c., which were referred to committee, No. 6. consisting of brethren Krack and Kunze.

A communication from the Church Council of Christ's church, Jeffersontown, Kentucky, was referred to a committee of two, viz: W. Jenkins and E. B. Olmstead.

After some consultation it was

Resolved, That the following brethren be ordained at 3 o'clock P. M. on Sunday: J. Scherer, W. Hunderdosse, J. Scivally, J. F. Isensee, J. G. Meissner, and J. W. Seddelmeyer.

The Ministerium then adjourned.

At night services were conducted by br. G. Krack. Text, John xv. 14: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Saturday Morning.

Synod, as usual, met in prayer meeting, at half past 7 o'clock.

At half past 8 the Synod was called to order.

The subject of the division of the Synod was reported as the first business. It was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the division of Synod be postponed until the Seminary report is acted upon.

Article 5, of the report of committee No. 2, was now adopted, as follows: That a committee be appointed to report to this Synod a Constitution for the government of the Institute.

The following brethren were appointed: Jenkins, Lehmanowsky, Olmstead, Kunze, and Combs.

By resolution the President's name was added.

Committee No. 1, then made the following report:

Committee No. 1, to whom were committed the Minutes of Sister Synods, and a letter from br. Meissner, beg leave to report, that

No. 1, are the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina, and adjacent States; convened at the Lutheran church in Savannah, Ga., Saturday, Nov. 8, 1845. Your committee are happy to learn that this Synod is in a very prosperous condition; that they are actively engaged in the cause of home and foreign missions, and in educating young men for the gospel ministry. There are connected with this Synod, ordained ministers, 26; licentiates, 3; students under the direction of Synod, 8. Their parochial report gives, confirmed, 39; baptisms, white, 302; colored, 184; number received, white, 254; colored, 96; communicants, white, 2,525; colored, 429; Sunday-schools, 24; teachers, 110; scholars, 727; charitable societies, 12; burials, 107.

No. 2, are the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States; held in the Evangelical Lutheran church at Albany, Sep. 6—10, 1845. From their minutes we learn that the semi-centennial anniversary of that body was celebrated on the 17th of September, 1845, under the direction of the committee of arrangement; and that they are zealously engaged in promoting the glory of God.

This ecclesiastical body consists of 33 ministers. They report, congregations, 41; baptisms, infant, 1366, adult, 25; confirmations, 417; admitted from other churches, 54; communicants, 2,799; number partaken of the Lord's Supper, 6,391; removed, 74; deaths of members, 81; number of funerals attended, 402; Sunday-schools, 32; teachers, 258; children, 2,066; catechumens, 84.

No. 3, are the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Western Virginia and adjacent parts, convened in Wythe county, Va., June 7th, 1845. The brethren of this Synod are actively engaged in the service of Christ. This Synod is composed of eight ministers, who report, confirmed, 20; baptisms, infants, 66, adults, 58; communicants, 1,414; confirmed, 82; admitted, 8; deaths, 56; prayer-meetings, 12; Sunday-schools, 5; teachers, 9; scholars, 183; temperance societies, 7.

No. 4, are the Minutes of the Hartwick Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the State of New York. The minutes of this body show that they are zealous in the Master's cause. They number 17 ministers; and report, congregations, 25; baptisms, infants, 241, adults, 17; confirmed, 56; admitted, 22; communicants, 3,187; prayer-meetings, 20; Sunday-schools, 26.

No. 5, are the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod. These brethren deserve praise for their perseverance and zeal in the work of the Lord, as the following, taken from their parochial report will show, viz., 15 ministers; 50 congregations, of which 12 are vacant; 19 preaching places; 401 children baptized; 19 children died; 403 accessions to the membership, of whom 50 were by baptism; 264 by confirmation; 46 from other denominations; 39 from sister Lutheran churches, and 4 by restoration; 59 removals by death, letter, suspension, and excommunication: 3,473 communicants; 91 Sunday-schools, with 1,755 children, upwards of 200 teachers, and about 3,000 volumes in their libraries; 86 catechumens, and 32 meetings for prayer. In addition to $87.80 for Synod, $159.50 for home missions, $29.50 for education, $6.00 for foreign missions, and about $3,000 were raised for local purposes. See page 30 of their minutes.

No. 6, are the Minutes of the Maryland Synod. Tho officers are Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., President Rev. C. Leply, Secretary, Rev. J. P. Cline, Treasurer. This body seems to be very active and efficient; there are connected with this Synod, 31 ministers. They report, 60 congregations; communicants, 7,369; baptisms, infants, 953, adults, 36; admissions from Lutheran churches, 34; admissions from other denominations, 48; dismissions to Lutheran churches, 76; dismissions to other denominations, 1; excommunications, 13; deaths, infants, 207, adults, 182; Sunday-schools, Lutheran, 37, Union, 35; teachers, 835; scholars, 5,004; prayer-meetings, 101; other meetings, 23; contributions, to Synod, $101.50, education, $952.00, home missions, $237.62½, foreign missions, $130.39, local objects, $6,495.00, external objects, $2,020.00; confirmations, 369.

Your committee pray that God may smile on these ecclesiastical bodies, and prosper the work of the Lord in their hands.

The officers of the South Carolina Synod are Rev. J. C. Hope, President, W. Berley, Secretary, J. T. Leppard, Corresponding Secretary, Col. W. Caughman, Treasurer, W. H. Muller, Treasurer of the Seminary fund.

New York Ministerium, H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President, J. C. Duy, Secretary, N. W. Goertner, Treasurer.

Pittsburg Synod, Rev. J. M. Steck, President, W. A. Passavant, Secretary, Mr. Geo. Weyman, Treasurer.

Hartwick Synod, Dr. G. A. Lintner, President, Rev. D. Eyster, Secretary, M. J. Stoever, Treasurer.

Synod of Western Virginia, Rev. E. Hawkins, President, Rev. J. A. Brown, Secretary, Rev. J. Scherer, Treasurer.

No. 7, is a letter from br. Meissner, concerning difficulties in his congregation, and as it is the business of the Ministerium, your committee would refer it to that body.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER,
WM. HUNDERDOSSE.

The above report was accepted and adopted.

Committee No. 4.

Committee No. 4 respectfully report:

Paper marked No. 1 is a letter from br. Nuelson, in which he states that he is not able to comply with the urgent request of the President to attend the present session of Synod, because he wants to leave his congregations, if a student sent by Dr. Sider, of Fort Wayne, who at the end of May or the first of June, will be there on a visit, will take charge of his congregations. He asks for an excuse of his absence. Your committee hope he will be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from br. McCord, who wishes to be excused for his absence. His business will not allow him to leave. He sends no parochial report, because he has charge of no congregations, but labors in connection with br. Jenkins. He requests also the renewal of his license.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. ISENSEE,
W. HUNDERDOSSE.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the brethren be excused.

The question of renewal of br. McCord's license, was referred to the Ministerium.

Committee No. 5.

Committee No. 5, to whom was referred two letters on different subjects, respectfully report:

No. 1 is a letter from br. Daniel Jenkins, stating that on account of an unexampled press of business, he is constrained this one time more, to ask the Synod to excuse his absence. Your committee are inclined to think from br. Jenkins' expression, *this one time more*, that he has, heretofore, been several times excused for such failures. We do not think his excuse entirely satisfactory. No doubt most of us have at this time *a press of business;* but your committee, as a matter of courtesy, would recommend that br. D. Jenkins be excused, hoping that he will attend punctually hereafter.

Br. Jenkins states in his letter, that it gives him much pleasure to inform this body,

that br. D. B. McCord is well received by his people, and spoken of by them in very high terms; and that he is prosecuting his studies with as much energy and efficiency as his circumstances will admit of.

No. 2 is a letter from br. Bowers, in which he states that he has been led by Providential indications, to connect himself with the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been appointed to a field of labor. He also tenders his thanks to the President, and to the Synod of the West for the ad interim license he received, and hopes ever to regard said body with sentiments of christian friendship and respect, and closes with an assurance that his prayers shall ever be offered for the prosperity of this Synodical body.

Your committee suppose that this matter more properly belongs to the Ministerium, and hope they will be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES COMBS,
E. B. OLMSTEAD,
JACOB SCHERER.

The above report was accepted and adopted.

It was then moved that we adjourn.

The session was closed with prayer by the President.

At 11 o'clock, a large congregation listened to a discourse from our venerable brother Lehmanowsky, founded on Duet. xxxii. 31. "For their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." After which a discourse was delivered by br. Kunze, in the German language, on the Prodigal's return, Luke xv.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by br. Isensee.

Committee No. 6.

The committee to whom was referred certain papers marked A and B, would most respectfully beg leave to report, that paper marked A, is a notice to the President, signed by the Secretary of the Church Council at Jeffersontown, Kentucky, that charges will be preferred against the Rev. George Yeager, at the present session of this Synod, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Chap. iii. Sec. 5.

Paper marked B, is the document itself, containing the several charges against him, to which the attention of Synod is now directed; charges which, it appears, have been preferred at several former sessions, and which are now repeated; and if sustained, require the immediate and prompt action of this body.

1. He is charged with a violation of the Constitution in laboring and performing ministerial acts within the bounds of another minister's congregation without his consent.

2. That after having been admonished by the Church Council to desist; having been remonstrated with by being told that the good and peace of the church required him to labor elsewhere, that he actually formed a congregation of those who were ill-effected, thus trying to destroy the peace of the church.

3. That in an unchristian manner he interfered with the administration of the discipline of the church, and pronounced the proceedings to be illegal; and by threatening the Council with prosecution at law, got possession of the church, treating the Church Council with the utmost indignity.

4. That he betrayed the weakness of human nature so far as to present a deadly weapon against the person of another, in the lawful exercise of his rights, and refused the advice of the Council and others.

5. That he has withheld up to this day, a certain amount of money sent by the congregation for the benefit of the Synod: and finally, they say, that these things continue so up to this day.

Your committee sincerely regret the present state of things, but they are convinced that the petitioners have a right to be heard, as this body is the proper tribunal before whom this case can be disposed of. The committee learn that the Rev. Geo. Yeager has been duly informed that personal application will be made in the premises at this session.

However deeply and seriously your committee may and does regret this state of things, they cannot shrink from the task, on the ground of its great importance, and have only to present the subject in its constitutional light, which they now do.

According to Chapter 10, Section 3, he has been guilty of misconduct, in even attempting to preach after he had resigned his charge, or after an election had taken place.

According to Chapter 12, Sections 3 and 7, the President should immediately order him to suspend all ministerial acts, until his case is decided upon.

The Synod has the right to act upon the premises, in the absence of the accused, if they believe all the information is present.

Your committee, in view of the tremendous evils that flow to the church through this fruitful source of misery, would suggest for the consideration of Synod, that inasmuch as the congregation wish and prefer an investigation in their midst, that a committee be appointed to proceed to Jeffersontown, and there examine into the truth or falsehood of these charges, and according to evidence and justice, give an impartial judgment. And if, upon examination, it be found to be true, that the Rev. George Yeager be suspended from his office until such time as he may by a penitent life, shew his repentance; and that this committee have power to send for persons to give evidence in the case.

Respectfully submitted,
W. JENKINS,
E. B. OLMSTEAD.

Resolved, That the above report be *accepted* and *adopted*, and that a committee of four be appointed to investigate the matter, who shall have full power to make a final decision in the case.

The President appointed Revs. W. Jenkins, J. J. Lehmanowsky, E. B. Olmstead, and J. Scivally. The committee were directed to repair to Jeffersontown and commence the investigation in Christ's church, on Friday next, at 11 o'clock. Notice of this action of Synod was handed to Rev. Yeager on Monday evening.

At 3 o'clock a motion was made to adjourn till Monday at 8½ o'clock, which prevailed.

Prayer by br. Krack.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

Quarter past 3 o'clock.

Resolved, That the license of br. E. Miller, and br. D. B. McCord, be renewed, and that hereafter they be punctual in presenting for inspection of the Ministerium, their journals, sermons, &c., according to the Constitution of Synod.

The young brethren whom the Ministerium at a previous meeting had resolved to ordain, were then called in and informed by the President of the resolution. A very interesting and somewhat protracted conversation ensued between the old champions who have borne the heat and burden of many a day, and the young brethren about to buckle on the armour for a life campaign. We hope the good advice will not be forgotten.

The Ministerium then adjourned.

On Saturday night br. Scivally preached from Deut. xxxiii. 29, and was followed by br. Jenkins. The word preached this night proved itself "quick and powerful," and to a certain extent, accomplished that whereunto it was sent. There were many deeply solicitous to know what they must do to be saved.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At half past 8 o'clock, prayer meeting. At 10, communion services commenced. Luther Chapel full to overflowing. Br. D. Scherer preached from John xxi. 17: "He said unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" &c. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a larger circle of Lutheran ministers of Christ than are often found together in this Western wilderness of sin; our minds will revert to it as a bright oasis, in a life of much toil and disappointment. The lay members of our own and other churches then crowded around the altar of our common Master, and enjoyed sweet communion with Christ.

At 3 o'clock P. M. services were again held. An ordination sermon was delivered by br. Wm. Jenkins. Text: Isa. xxvii. 13: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcast in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

The brethren, Hunderdosse, Scherer, Isensee, Meissner, Sed-

delmeyer, and Scivally, then appeared, and by the imposition of hands, were solemnly ordained and set apart for the work of the Lord, and were commissioned "to teach and to preach." May it appear on the great day, that hands were not laid on them too *suddenly.*

At night there were services again. Sermon by the Secretary. Text, Acts iii. 19: "Repent ye therefore and be converted," &c. This discourse was followed by an effective exhortation from br. Glenn. The good work progressed.

MONDAY MORNING.

SEVENTH SESSION.

At half past 8 o'clock Synod met, and was opened with prayer by br. Isensee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the investigating committee in the case of Rev. George Yeager, be required to keep a faithful account of the investigation; their report shall be filed by the Secretary, and preserved as other papers of the Synod are, and the result of their proceedings be inserted in connexion with the other proceedings of the Synod.

The chairman of the committee then inquired what course was to be pursued if Rev. Yeager did not appear, and the charges were sustained. The Synod instructed the committee in that case to expel him.

A letter was then received from br. Daggy.

Moved, That it be read.

Resolved, That br. Daggy's reasons for absence are entirely satisfactory, and that he is excused.

Parochial reports were now handed in as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.*

PASTORS.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmed.	Admitted.	Communicants.	Sunday Schools.	Bible Classes.	Pr. Meetings.	Burials.	Collected for Treasury of Synod.
		Infants.	Adults.								
Rev. D. Scherer, - - - -	2	18				100				2	$ 1 00
" J. Krack, - - - -	1	3	1	5	7	50			1	3	3 00
" J. J. Lehmanowsky, - -	1	37	1	2		42	1				5 00
" A. A. Trimper, - -	3	27		18	30	150			3		4 00
" W. Jenkins, & J. Scivally, -	4					200			2		5 00
" E. B. Olmstead, - -	4	54		8	3	180			1	10	3 00
" P. Glenn, - - - -	5	11		1		310	3		4		10 00
" P. Daggy, - - -	1	3	9	20	2	27			1		
" J. F. Isensee, - - -	1	10		6	6	100	1		1	5	2 00
" J. Scherer, - - -	2	6				10	1		1	5	
" J. Hunderdosse, - - -	2	6		6		110	2		3	1	2 50
" J. Meissner, - - -	1	18				89				15	1 05
" J. Britting, - - - -	1	6				23					1 00
" A. Brandt, - - -	1	32		10		220				6	
" J. Seddelmeyer, - - -	2	8	2			52				2	
" J. Kunze, - - -	1	19	2	11		290					
J. Sieg, Esq. - - -											1 00
J. Doll, - - - -											50
Total, - - - - -	31	258	15	87	48	1953	8		17	49	$39 05

Br. Kunze stated that there was some dissatisfaction among his members, because an abstract of the proceedings of the last session was not published in German. Br. K. was directed to extract any items of interest to his members, and publish the same in the Hirtenstimme.

The report of the former Treasurer was then read.

Resolved, That it be received, and referred to a committee.

The President appointed brethren Jenkins and Combs.

It was then

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine candidates for the Ministry.

The following brethren were appointed: Lehmanowsky, Krack, and Kunze.

The President's name was added at the request of the committee.

It was then

Resolved, That 200 copies of the Minutes be printed in the English language, and the same number in German.

*The report is wretchedly deficient. When will the brethren *all* feel it their *duty* to send in full Parochial reports?

SECRETARY.

Resolved, That brothers Lehmanowsky and Kunze be requested to translate the same.

The Synod then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Scivally.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Krack.

Committee on the Treasurer's account reported.

Your committee find in the account, an error, evidently unintentional. The Treasurer appears to have received $72 34, and paid out $66 40; leaving a balance due of $5 94.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JENKINS,
JAMES COMBS.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee previously appointed now reported the following:

SEMINARY CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be known by the name of the Literary and Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the West.

ART. 2. The object of this Institute is to impart a classical education, and to educate pious young men for the Gospel ministry.

ART. 3. In order to facilitate the above object, this Institution shall encourage manual labor, in all cases where it may be required.

ART. 4. The management of this Institution shall be under the immediate care of twelve Trustees, six of whom shall be ordained ministers and six laymen, chosen from among the Synods who may support the Institution, in equal numbers to each, and may be increased at any time so as to afford equality of members, until they are increased to sixteen.

ART. 5. The election of Trustees shall be held triennially, by those Synods connected with the Institution, by ballot; and a majority of the votes given shall determine the election.

ART. 6. The Trustees thus elected shall make their own appointments and adjournments, and shall elect at their first meeting, a President, a Secretary, and Treasurer. None but an ordained minister shall be eligible to the office of President.

a.) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and lay before them all applications for admission into the Theological Department, as well as all the correspondence of the Institution, and shall have the casting vote, if necessary. At the request of three Trustees, he shall have power to call extra meetings of the Board, and shall sign the proceedings of every regular and extra meeting.

b.) The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings of the meetings of the Board; he shall also keep the archives of the Board; as papers of application, certificates, letters, &c., and have them regularly filed.

c.) The Treasurer's duty shall be to keep a correct and faithful account of all monies received and expended; and shall pay no monies out of his hands except by an order signed by the President and Secretary, and at each annual meeting, shall pre-

sent an account of the financial condition of the Seminary, and shall give bond and security in land, in amount as the Trustees may require.

Art. 7. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a committee at each annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Art. 8. Should one or more of the Trustees decease, or move out of the bounds of the Synod with which he is connected, or resign, an election to fill the place or places, shall be held at the next annual meeting of the Synod to which he or they belonged.

Art. 9. Should the President, Secretary, or Treasurer, be absent at any annual or extra meeting, the Board may elect one of their body pro tem.

Art. 10. Five members of the Board of Trustees shall form a quorum.

Art. 11. The Board of Trustees shall have power to make By-laws not conflicting with this Constitution, for the discipline and order of Students, and the plan of teaching in the Institution, and shall have the entire management and control of the manual labor department.

Art. 12. The first Professor of this Institution shall, for the present, receive as a compensation the tuition fees, and the annual interest of all sums of money now in the hands of the Treasurer. Students in the Theological department, however, shall be exempt from the payment of tuition fees.

Art. 13. The Board of Trustees shall endeavor to procure for the endowment of the Institute, *a fund*, the interest of which shall pay the instructors, and also a library for the benefit of the Institute, and shall appoint one of the instructors librarian.

Art. 14. The manual labor performed in this Institution shall be under the immediate direction of a Steward appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Art. 15. Persons wishing to study in this Institute for the gospel ministry, must come suitably recommended as to moral character; they must also present to the Principal, certificates from their pastors, or the councils of the churches of which they have been members, that they are pious and consistent members of the church.

Art. 16. The course of studies, time of vacations and examinations, shall be determined upon by the Trustees.

Art. 17. The Board of Trustees shall make an annual report to the Synods in connexion with the Institute, of its finances, general condition and prospects.

Art. 18. No individual shall be appointed as Professor, Instructor or Teacher in this Institute, except he hold the doctrines of the Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, of the Trinity, and all the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, as set forth in the standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and such only as manifest vital godliness and a holy life and conversation.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of each of the Synods engaged at the time in sustaining the Institution. Notice of the alterations and amendments proposed must be given to the President of each of the Synods, at least three months previously to the next regular meeting.

W. JENKINS,
J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,
E. B. OLMSTEAD,
DANIEL SCHERER,
JACOB COMBS.

The Constitution was accepted and adopted.

The consideration of the report of committee No. 2, was then resumed.

The remaining articles, 6, 7, 8 and 9, were adopted.

The 10th article was, as recommended, referred to the Ministerium, and the report adopted entire.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to fix upon a time for the next meeting of the different Synods, so that delegates may be in attendance.

The brethren Krack, J. Scherer and Isensee, were appointed.

It was then

Resolved, To adjourn till $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. McAfee, of the C. Presbyterian church, who had previously been introduced and invited to a seat in our midst.

THE MINISTERIUM

Again met at 4 o'clock. Committee No. 6, made the following report:

The committee beg leave to report on the papers, letters and documents committed for their inspection.

No. 1, is the journal of brother Seddelmeyer, in which he gives a report of his ministerial acts. Your committee think that, hereafter this brother should be more systematic.

No 2, is a letter from the church council of the German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed United Zion's church, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The council inform Synod that they have again elected Rev. J. F. Isensee, as their pastor, and pray Synod that he might continue in their midst. Your committee would request that their prayer be granted.

Nos. 3 and 5, are journals of our worthy brother J. Scherer. From these we learn that he has labored zealously in the vineyard of the Lord.

No. 4, is a written sermon by the same brother; your committee are satisfied with the composition and orthodoxy of said sermon.

No. 6, is the journal of brother J. F. Isensee. It is the opinion of your committee that it is an important document.

Nos. 7 and 8, are two written sermons of the same brother. They are evangelical in doctrine and sentiment.

No. 9, is a letter from brother Britting, to the President of Synod, in reference to a written sermon, which has been examined by us. We have found it pure in diction and sound in doctrine.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KRACK,
J. G. KUNZE.

It was *Resolved*, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Brother Elias Cline, of Harrison county, Ia., having made application to the Ministerium for examination, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine him.

The brethren Jenkins, Trimper, Hunderdosse and Jacob Scherer, were appointed.

The Ministerium then adjourned.

At night, the house was again filled with an attentive auditory. Services were conducted by the brethren Krack and Jenkins. The Spirit's influence was manifestly seen and felt. No fewer than eight souls (so we trust) emerged from darkness to the marvelous light of the children of God, and became members of brother Glenn's interesting congregation.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday Morning.

Half-past 7 o'clock, Synodical prayer meeting.

At half-past 8 o'clock, the Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

A letter was received this morning from Rev. G. Wolf, of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, giving his reasons why he could not attend the present meeting of our Synod, according to the appointment of his Synod.

It was *Resolved*, That this Synod regret the non-attendance of this brother as delegate of the Ohio Synod, and shall endeavor to keep up the most friendly relations with that body.

It was then stated that additional funds must be raised to print the minutes of the present session. Brother Lehmanowsky offered to have them printed in both languages for the amount of funds now in the Treasury, $39 05—by a contingency the amount may be increased to $45.

It was then

Resolved, That the generous offer of brother Lehmanowsky be accepted, and that he be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that his compensation be the money now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That a synopsis of the proceedings be forwarded as early as practicable to the editors of the Lutheran Observer and Hirtenstimme for publication, and that the Secretary request the editor of the Hirtenstimme to translate the same into the German from the Lutheran Observer.

The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary now read his report to Synod.

It was *Resolved*, That the report be accepted, and that a committee consisting of E. B. Olmstead and J. Combs, audit the same and report upon it.

It was then *Resolved*, To adjourn till 2 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Glenn.

At 11 o'clock, services were held in the German language. Sermon by brother Meissner, followed by brother Brandt.

TENTH SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Secretary.

The committee on the report of the Theological Treasurer beg leave to state, that they have examined the same, and from the vouchers placed in their hands by the Treasurer believe the report to be correct.

The following is an abstract of the report:

Received from John Gaver, former agent, after deducting expenses,	$429 99¼
" " Rev. Wm. Jenkins, agent,	210 00
Collected by the Treasurer,	92 98
Interest on loans collected by Treasurer,	150 02
	$882 99¼

To meet the above the Treas'r has in hand good notes without mortgage,	$130 65
Good notes with mortgage,	740 00
Postage account,	5 00
Cash,	7 34¼
	$882 99¼

There are also outstanding subscriptions, a part of which we may expect will be collected, $385 84

E. B. OLMSTEAD,
JAMES COMBS.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to report the time for the meeting of the different Synods of the West, South West, and Illinois, would recommend:

That the South Western Synod meet 2d Thursday of May, 1847; Synod of the West, 1st Thursday of September, 1846; Synod of Illinois, on the 3d Thursday of October, 1846.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KRACK,
J. SCHERER,
J. F. ISENSEE.

Accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That as soon as this Synod adjourns, the members expecting to form the different Synods as above, will meet in Convention for the purpose of electing Trustees for the Literary and

Theological Institute, and transacting other business, and that each Conference hand in a report of their proceedings to be appended to these minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are due to the officers of the same, who have so satisfactorily performed their several duties.

The President then tendered the only delegate present, the thanks of the Synod, for the efficient service he has rendered during the sittings of this body.

A resolution was passed directing the President to return thanks, in the name of the Synod, to those dear friends and brethren whose hospitalities we so largely shared during our sojourn among them.

It was then

Resolved, That we adjourn *sine die.*

The hymn was sung,

"Christians and brethren, ere we part,
Join ev'ry hand and ev'ry heart."

The President concluded with prayer; and thus terminated the last session of the Synod of the West, under its then organization. We thank God that we are permitted to record the fact, that the last meeting was one of the best, and perhaps under the circumstances, the *very best* ever held since its organization. The utmost cordiality of feeling and unity of sentiment prevailed, and when the hour of separation came, we parted as Christians only can part.

LAST MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM.

TUESDAY, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Committee appointed to examine candidates for the ministry were now ready to report.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the brethren Britting and Brandt, worthy to receive license to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,
J. KRACK,
D. SCHERER,
J. G. KUNZE.

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that they be licensed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ELIAS CLINE.

Your committee appointed to examine the applicant Cline, would report that they have spent as much time as was possible in the examination; and the result is given as follows: Your committee would recommend that he be authorized to preach and exhort, and that he continue his studies under pastor Glenn.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JENKINS,
JACOB SHERER,
WM. HUNDERDOSSE.

The report was received and adopted.

The Ministerium then adjourned.

Prayer by brother Jenkins.

MEETING OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Moved that the President and Secretary of Synod remain officers of this body.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Synods of the West, the South West, and of Illinois, that they form themselves into Home Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod, and that each Synod do all in its power to liquidate the debt due to brother A. Reck, our former missionary.

Resolved, That each Secretary of those Societies, is requested to write to our former missionary on the subject of the amount due, and other facts of interest to us.

Resolved, That we are grateful to the Home Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church in the United States, for the interest they have manifested in the success of the cause in the West, and we hereby invoke the continued aid of our Eastern brethren in behalf of the West.

The Society then adjourned in the usual manner.

I certify that the above is a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the Synod of the West, during the session of 1846; and of the Missionary Society meeting held at its close.

E. BIGELOW OLMSTEAD,
Secretary.

CONVENTION

FOR THE

SYNOD OF THE WEST.

CONVENTION held by members of the Lutheran Synod of the West, residing in the State of Indiana, on the 9th of June, 1846, at Luther Chapel, Harrison county, Indiana.

The Rev. J. J. Lehmanowsky was called to the Chair, and the Rev. J. Kunze, appointed Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Isensee.

A sufficient number of clerical members being present, the meeting organized itself into a *Synod*, by the name of the "SYNOD OF THE WEST."

An election was held for officers, by ballot, which resulted in the election of

Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY, *President;*
" J. G. KUNZE, *Secretary;*
" J. F. ISENSEE, *Treasurer.*

An election was then held for Directors for the Literary and Theological Institute, to be located in the State of Illinois, who are to meet on the third Thursday of October, 1846, at Hillsboro, Illinois, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,
" J. F. ISENSEE,
Mr. JOHN SCHERER,
" J. HOUGH.

The Synod then balloted for the time and place for the next meeting, which resulted in the choice of Indianapolis, Indiana, at St. Paul's church, on the first Thursday in September, 1846, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

NAMES OF MINSTERS.

Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,	Knightstown, Ia.
" J. G. KUNZE,	Indianapolis, Ia.
" F. C. D. WYNECKEN,	Baltimore, Md.
" J. P. DAGGY,	Belleville, Ia.
" F. A. KNAPE,	Fort Wayne, Ia.
" W. NUELSON,	Elkhart, Ia.
" F. W. WIER,	Alton, Ia.
" J. D. MEISSNER,	Browntown, Ia.
" J. F. ISENSEE,	Indianapolis, Ia.
" J. BRITTING,	Cincinnati, O.
" A. BRANDT,	Huntersville, Ia.

Synod then adjourned, with singing and prayer by the President.

Attest, J. G. KUNZE, *Secretary.*

Lutheran Chapel, Harrison Co., Ia., 9th June, 1846.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE SOUTH WEST.

The brethren falling within the bounds of the South Western Synod, met in conference on the evening of the 9th of June, 1846.

The Rev. J. Krack was appointed Chairman, and W. Jenkins, Secretary.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Scivally.

Rev. J. Krack was duly elected President of the Synod; Rev. W. Jenkins, Secretary; Rev. P. Glenn, Treasurer.

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Literary and Theological Institute, on the part of this Synod: Revs. D. Jenkins, P. Glenn, J. Combs, Esq., D. Shafner, Esq.

Resolved, That br. Krack be our Delegate to attend the next meeting of the Synod of the West.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Literary and Theological Institute be delegates from this Synod to the Synod of Illinois.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at Shafner's church, Bedford county, Tennessee, and that the second Thursday of May, 1847, be the time.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN KRACK,	Jeffersontown, Ky.
" WM. JENKINS,	Rowesville, Tenn.
" PETER GLENN,	Corydon, Harrison co. Ia.
" D. JENKINS,	Huntingdon, Tenn.
" J. SCIVALLY,	Lynchburg, Tenn.
" J. H. SEDDELMEYER,	Lanesville, Ia.
" D. B. M'CORD,	Huntingdon, Tenn.

It was then

Resolved, That we adjourn.

Prayer by the President.

The foregoing is a faithful record.

W. JENKINS, *Secretary.*

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

The convention for the organization of the Synod of Illinois, met at the house of br. John Blume, Harrison county, Indiana, on the 10th of June, 1846.

Br. Scherer was called to the Chair, and E. B. Olmstead appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Prayer by the Secretary.

An election for officers was then held, and resulted as follows:

Rev. D. SCHERER, *President;*
" E. B. OLMSTEAD, *Secretary;*
" W. HUNDERDOSSE, *Treasurer.*

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Literary and Theological Institute, on the part of this Synod:

Rev. A. A. TRIMPER,
" F. SPRINGER,
Mr. ABSALOM CRESS,
" THOMAS B. MCNITT.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

Rev. D. SCHERER,	McCarmel, Ill.
" F. SPRINGER,	Springfield, Ill.
" A. A. TRIMPER,	Hillsboro', Ill.
" E. B. OLMSTEAD,	Jonesboro', Ill.
" JACOB SCHERER,	Olney, Richland co. Ill.
" WM. HUNDERDOSSE,	Huntingdon, Ia.
" E. MILLER,	Shelbyville, Ill.

An election was then held for the next place of meeting. Hillsboro', Illinois, was selected. Time of meeting, the third Thursday of October, 1846.

Resolved, To adjourn.

Prayer by the President.

Attest, E. B. OLMSTEAD, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AT JEFFERSONTOWN, KENTUCKY.

According to Resolution of Synod, the committee appointed for that purpose repaired to Jeffersontown, Kentucky, and met in Christ's church, on Friday, 12th of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Br. Jenkins, as Chairman of the committee, presided, and E. B. Olmstead, was appointed Secretary.

After singing a hymn, a prayer was offered by the Chairman.

Br. Newkirk stated that the notices to Rev. Yeager, and to the Church Council were served on Monday last.

Mr. Yeager did not appear.

The charges were then read, the witnesses were most solemnly adjured to give an impartial statement of facts.

All the charges were sustained by the most undoubted testimony, in an examination which continued two hours.

The result of our prayerful deliberations is the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That upon a careful examination of the testimony, in the presence of the Church Council of the Lutheran church in Jeffersontown, Kentucky, in the case of George Yeager, formerly pastor of said church, we have come to the conclusion that the charges are correct and well established.

Resolved, That the name of George Yeager be stricken from the list of Ministers belonging to the Synod of the West, and that he is hereby expelled from the Evangelical Lutheran church.

W. JENKINS, *Chairman*,
E. B. OLMSTEAD, *Secretary*,
J. J. LEHMANOWSKY,
J. SCIVALLY.